



**CALIFORNIA  
HIGH-SPEED RAIL  
AUTHORITY**

**DATE:** BRIEFING: JULY 8' 2010, BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #18 (Addendum)

**TO:** Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members

**FROM:** Roelof van Ark, Chief Executive Officer

**RE:** Federal Funding Application for 2010.

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**Discussion:**

On Monday, June 28, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced application guidelines for an available \$2.3 billion in funding for the development of high-speed and intercity rail. The announcement included a deadline of August 6 to submit applications to the Federal Railroad Administration. It is important for the Board to take action advising Authority staff on the application prior to that date.

Although it was expected that an announcement would be made concerning the availability of additional funds for the development of high-speed intercity rail, it was not known until the June 28 announcement that the deadline for applications would be August 6, the day after the scheduled August board meeting. It is necessary for the board to take immediate action in order to consider an application for funding and to provide necessary direction to staff. Such action must be taken at the July 8 meeting. In addition, the board should be prepared to give further direction to staff while the application is being prepared during the July 8 to August 6 period. Staff recommends that power be delegated to a board committee to act for the board with regard to the preparation of the application so that adequate board review can take place during the short period of time during which the application must be prepared and submitted.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Authority apply for the funding, and that a board committee be delegated and given the authority to review and to provide further direction to staff during the development and submittal of the application.

**Attachment:**

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/downloads/PubAffairs/2010-15992.pdf>